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1. SUMMARY: CONVERSATIONS IN NEW YORK WITH JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE AND AFTER SEPTEMBER 28 HATOYAMA-BROMYKO BILATERAL CONSULATION HAVE INDICATED THAT PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY (PFT) MATTERS WOULD NOT BE AND WERE NOT HIGHLIGHTED AT BILATERAL. BILATERAL REPORTEDLY WENT WELL WITH FOCUSO N UNGA SUBJECTS. JAPANESE MISSION (JUN) OFFICER HAS POINTED OUT THAT NEXT YEAR'S GROMYKO-HATOYAMA MEETING IN MOSCOW PREDICTABLY WILL CENTER ON PFT QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY

2. BASED ON SEVERAL BRIEF CONVERSATIONS WE HAD WITH JAPANESE HERE, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF HATOYAMA'S PARTY, WE CONCURRED IN DEPARTMENT'S AND TOKYO'S SPECULATION (REFTELS) THAT THE HATOYAMA-GROYMYKO TALK WOULD NOT TRIGGER CONFIDENTIAL

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EASY OR IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT ON PFT. DEPUTY VICE
MINISTER TAKASHIMA TOLD POLCOUNS IN BRIEF CONVERSATION
AT JAPANESE RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 27 THAT PFT STILL HAS
MANY HURDLES AND GOJ IS NOT YET IN POSITION TO CONSIDER
A PSECIFIC TIMETABLE FOR MOVING IT FORWARD. HE DENIED
THAT PFT WOULD BE A PARTICULAR FOCUS OF THE HATOYAMAGROMYKO TALK. FURTHERMORE, A JAPANESE MISSION (JUN)

OFFICER INDICATED THAT THEY HAD BEEN MILDLY EMBARRASSED BY CORRIDOR TALK POINTING A FINGER AT THE PFT AS A CURRENT ACTION OBJECTIVE IN NEW YORK. HE NOTED THAT THE RUMORED SIMPLICITY OF A CHAT WITH THE RUSSIANS AS THE KEY TO FURTHER ACTION ON THE PFT DID NOT REFLECT KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORK REMAINING IN THE DIET AND WITH THE CHINESE.

3. ACCORDING JUN OFFICER, SEPTEMBER 28 HATOYAMA-GROMYKO BILATERAL WENT WELL. ADDITIONALLY, SOVIETS FOR FIRST TIME PERMITTED PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AT A JAPANESE-SOVIET BILATERAL IN NEW YORK. JUN OFFICER SAID CONSULTATION FOCUSED ON UNGA TOPICS RATHER THAN ON PFT MATTERS. JUN OFFICER UNDERLINED, HOWEVER, THAT LATTER SUBJECT COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE CENTRAL WHEN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET "NEXT YEAR" IN MOSCOW.

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